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## **CATAWBA COUNTY FINANCE DIRECTOR NAMED NORTH CAROLINA FINANCE OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

Rodney Miller, who serves as Catawba County Finance Director, has been named Outstanding N.C. Finance Officer of the Year for 2011-12 by the North Carolina Government Finance Officers Association, which is affiliated with the University of North Carolina's School of Government. He received the honor at the Association's annual conference held July 15-17, 2012.

"This award traditionally and annually recognizes and honors the local government finance officer who has demonstrated state leadership in local government finance issues by serving as the organization's president," said Rebecca Troutman, Intergovernmental Relations Director for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, who presented Miller with the award.

"I am very proud to receive this recognition from my peers across the State," Miller said. "The professionalism and dedication exhibited by this group is outstanding and encourages me to continue to strive for excellence in providing financial service to the County and its citizens."



As Finance Director, Miller supervises the daily financial operations of the County, which includes accounting, purchasing, financial management, and audit functions. In addition, he provides technical support to the County Manager, is responsible for the investment and use of County funds and works with other departments and external agencies on all financial matters of the County. He also oversees building and vehicle maintenance functions, as well as long range planning for facility expansion.

"Rodney provides outstanding leadership and management of the County's financial health, as well as facilities and grounds," said Tom Lundy, Catawba County Manager. "His stewardship and investment of County resources, hard work and careful attention to opportunities which reduce costs, make him an extremely valuable member of the County team. We're proud of his involvement and service to his state association, and glad that they have recognized him for his leadership."

Miller is Immediate Past President of the Association. He began serving as Catawba County's Finance Director in February 2001, after working for the City of Hickory for more than five years as Assistant Finance Director. He grew up in the St. Stephens community, and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting from North Carolina State University in 1992.

The purpose of the North Carolina Government Finance Officers Association is "to promote the improvement of the methods of governmental financing in North Carolina as developed and recommended by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, and other recognized authorities in the field of government administration."